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FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, DA OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S CALL ON QUEEN MARGRETHE

1. DANES ARE VERY PLEASED THAT YOU HAVE AGREED TO PAY COUTRESY
CALL ON QUEEN. THEY WILL INTERPRET THIS AS SYMBOLIC ACT OF
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.

2. YOU WILL BE FIRST HIGH-LEVEL U.S. PERSONAGE TO CALL ON QUEEN
SINCE SHE ASCENDED THRONE IN 1972, AND SHE WILL CERTAINLY
EXPRESS HER PLEASURE THAT YOU HAVE AGREED TO STOP IN COPENHAGEN.
SHE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY COMMENT ON HER TRIP TO THE U.S. (MAY 10-24)
AND MAY POINT OUT THAT HER PARENTS (LATE KING FREDERIK IX AND
QUEEN MOTHER INGRID) TRAVELLED TO U.S. IN 1938 WHEN HE WAS
CROWN PRINCE, AND THAT FOR SENTIMENTAL REASONS THE QUEEN HOPES
TO VISIT SOME OF THE SAME PLACES.

3. QUEEN'S TRIP IN MAY (AS ANNOUNCED BY PRIMIN JORGENSEN LAST
NOVEMBER WHEN HE WAS IN WASHINGTON) WILL INCLUDE VISITS TO
WASHINGTON, CHICAGO, OMAHA, NEW YORK, BOSTON, SEATTLE, SAN
FRANCISCO, SOLVANG (DANISH COLONY IN CALIFORNIA), LOS ANGELES,
PUERTO RICO, AND VIRGIN ISLANDS. IN WASHINGTON SHE WILL
ATTEND OPENING OF DANISH ROYAL BALLET AT KENNEDY CENTER,
SPEAK TO NATIONAL PRESS CLUB AND VISIT MT. VERNON IN
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ADDITION TO WHATEVER EVENTS ARE PLANNED WITH USG. IN

OTHER CITIES SHE WILL PRESENT VARIOUS GIFTS IN CONNECTION WITH BICENTENNIAL EVENTS, MEET DANISH GROUPS AND RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREE FROM DANA COLLEGE, OMAHA. DURING BOSTON VISIT, QUEEN WILL BE MADE "FELLOW" OF HARVARD FOR HER INTEREST IN PRESERVATION AND FURTHERING OF DANISH CULTURE AND ARCHEOLOGY.

4. ALTHOUGH THIS MEETING IS A COURTESY CALL AND NOT OF A SUBSTANTIVE NATURE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT QUEEN WILL SHOW HER INTEREST IN WORLD AFFAIRS BY ASKING YOU ABOUT YOUR TRIP TO MOSCOW. SHE IS WELL-READ, HIGHLY EDUCATED AND COMPLETELY FLUENT IN ENGLISH, FRENCH AND GERMAN. THOUGH GENERALLY POISED, SHE TENDS TO BE A BIT SHY.

5. WE DO NOT KNOW IF HER HUSBAND, PRINCE HENRIK, WILL BE PRESENT DURING CALL OR IF HE WILL BE INTRODUCED TO YOU BEFORE YOU TAKE LEAVE. IN THE EVENT THAT YOU MEET HIM, IT IS OF INTEREST TO NOTE THAT HE IS A FORMER FRENCH DIPLOMAT, PERSONABLE AND OUT-GOING, FLUENT IN ENGLISH AND ACTIVE IN A NUMBER OF PHILANTHROPIC CAUSES LIKE RED CROSS AND WORLD WILDLIFE FUND. IN FEBRUARY QUEEN WILL TAKE HER TWO SONS, FREDERIK (8) AND JOACHIM (6) SKIING IN NORWAY WHILE HENRIK WILL GO DOWN NILE WITH SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN.
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